

(Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, February 3, 1994

*Gordon Robertson*

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Mr. Treasurer -

It is my pleasant duty to present to you and to this Convocation the Honourable Robert Gordon Robertson and ask that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws Honoris Causa.

His has been a career of service to this country and its citizens from his initial appointment as a junior officer in External Affairs through his appointment as the senior civil servant in the federal government, Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to the Cabinet.

Throughout this distinguished career spanning nearly four decades his keen intellect, incisive analysis, sound judgment and quiet humility earned him the respect of his peers and ensured he played a central role in the development of public policy.

Of particular note was his involvement in constitutional issues and federal/provincial relations where he not only advised governments but after his retirement shared his knowledge and understanding of the issues with the public through articles and lectures thus contributing to the informed debate which is a foundation of our democratic traditions.

It is fitting that the legal profession recognize the contribution of the Honourable Robert Gordon Robertson and award him, Treasurer, the degree of Doctor of Laws Honoris Causa.